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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER ON US AID TO INDIA

1. ON HIS RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT US IS EXPECTED TO RESUME BILATERAL ECONOMIC AID TO INDIA DURING THE CURRENT FY. SUBRAMANIAM ALSO STATED THAT THE SUBJECT OF A TITLE I PL 480 PROGRAM HAD COME UP AND THAT THE US "HAD ALREADY INDICATED 500 THOUSAND TONS" BUT HE THOUGHT THE QUANTITY WOULD BE HIGHER.

2. SUBRAMANIAM STATED THAT HE HAD MET WITH TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON AND AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BUTZ. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT POLITICAL BILATERAL RELATIONS AND SUBRAMANIAM STATED "THERE IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONS".

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IN THE MEANTIME, WE INTEND TO ATTEMPT TO LIMIT OUR RESPONSES TO
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STATEMENT THAT AID HAS REQUESTED \$75 MILLION FOR A BILATERAL AID

PROGRAM IN USFY76. NO AID TALKS HAVE BEEN INITIATED. WITH RESPECT TO TITLE I, WE WILL ALSO STATE THAT NO TALKS HAVE BEEN HELD AND IT IS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ON THE POSSIBLE AMOUNT OF SUCH A PROGRAM.

4. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NO MENTION BE MADE OF THE NORTH VIET NAM PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN THIS PROBLEM MAY WELL DISAPPEAR.

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